THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl BUTA SINGH), (a) According to the 1971 Census, the population of the Scheduled Tribes in Assam was 1,606,648. This figure does not include Santhals as they are not a Schedule Tribe in Assam. For the same reason, population figures of Santhals are not available separately from the 1971 Census. Census should not be conducted in Assam in 1981 owing to disturbed conditions prevailing in that State then.

(b) and (c) The population of Santhal according to the 1901 census in the areas comprising the present Assam State was 64, 022. The popu. lation figures of Santhals in Assam are not available from the censuses of 1941 and 1971".

Import if luxury items

1051. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of export, import and trade deficit year-wise from 1980-81 to 1988-89; and

(b) the value and particulars of the luxury items imported during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) A Statement indicating the details of India's export, import and balance of trade during the years 1980-81 to 1988-89 is attached. (See below).

(b) Import of consumer durables, which include luxury items, is not normally allowed. Some items of . personal use are allowed under transfer of residence rules as baggage. Gifts of articles are also allowed in certain cases. In all such cases, no outflow of foreign exchange is involved. In ^he absence of specific mention of luxury items, it is not possible to furnish statistics of imports.

Statement •

(Value : Rs . Crores)

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance of trade
1980-81	6710.71	12549.15	—5838.44
1981-82 .	7805.91	13607.55	—5801.64
1982-83 .	8803.37	14292.74	—5489.37
1983-84 . .	9770.71	15831.46	-6060.75
1984-85	11743.68	17134.20	—5390.52
1985-86 . .	10894.59	19657.69	—8763.10
1986-87 .	12451.94	20095.76	—7643.82
1987-88 (PR) .	15741.23	22398.97	—6657.74
1988-89 (P) .	20280.92	27692.87	—7411.95

PR: Partially Revised as per September, 1988 Press Note.

P: Provisional

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta.